

Notification to Providers Regarding Accelerated Recertification 2015 - 2016

Dear Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership Provider:

In preparation for the integration of behavioral health services to Bayou Health, the Office of Behavioral Health is offering an accelerated recertification to existing LBHP providers. The accelerated recertification process will apply to all Licensed Mental Health Practitioners (LMHP), organizations and hospitals that provide behavioral health services. Providers who meet OBH recertification requirements will be granted “deemed status,” a certification status acceptable by the Bayou Health plans through June 30, 2016.

To ensure you are recertified and can meet credentialing requirements by the Bayou Health plans before integration goes live December 1, 2015, please make sure to submit your recertification packets within the timeframe of May 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015.

If you were certified by OBH as a new provider AFTER December 31, 2014, you are not required to recertify at this time.

You may download the 2015-2016 OBH/LBHP Recertification Checklist from the LBHP Provider Certification section of SMO Document Library located at: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/538/n/410>

Please review thoroughly and call 225-342-1630 with questions BEFORE submitting the checklist and/or required documentation. Submitting incomplete and/or incorrect information will delay the processing of your recertification; Therefore, OBH Certification staff would rather assist you prior to submitting information to help expedite the process.

Please complete ALL requested information and return the checklist along with all required documentation **via e-mail or fax** (it is not necessary to mail or hand deliver your information) to the OBH Certification Section as follows:

Office of Behavioral Health
Attn: Certification Section
OBHCertification@LA.GOV
Fax: 225-342-8912

Remember to submit ALL required documentation with your checklist. OBH Certification staff will review the information submitted and may need to contact you for clarification to complete your recertification. Once we have completed our review and you are found to be compliant with LBHP requirements, you will receive notification of your re-certification via email and copies will be sent to Magellan Behavioral Health and to Bayou Health.

Please submit your recertification information as soon as you receive the checklist. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation with this request. OBH will need to receive your completed packet by June 30, 2015, to ensure timely consideration of deemed status with Bayou Health by the December 1st deadline. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important request for information.

PLEASE NOTE - If changes have occurred regarding your participation in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and you do not wish to be recertified, please complete and submit an OBH Certification Change Report form to inform us of such located at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/538>.

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